

Claims:

1. A method of testing user equipment for operational suitability with an in-flight communication system, the method comprising the steps of:  
    identifying an operator of said user equipment,  
    testing said user equipment for a set of predetermined parameters,  
    comparing said test results with a predefined criteria to determine a Pass or Fail status of said user equipment,  
    communicating said Pass or Fail status and said operator identity to said in-flight communication system.
2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said user equipment is a mobile phone.
3. A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said set of predetermined parameters includes user equipment power level.
4. A method as herein before described with reference to the accompanying drawings.